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FARM MECHANIZATION CONTINUES
QUOTAS RELAXED

CULTIVATED ACREAGE INCREASES -- Bashkimi, No 1532, 23 Nov 49

Since liberation and the agrarian reform, the cultivated area of Albania has increased from 263,630 hectares in 1946, when the agrarian reform was put into effect, to 317,000 hectares in 1948. According to the state plan for agriculture, 357,500 hectares of land will be planted during the agricultural year 1949-50, or 83,870 ^[sic] hectares more than in 1946.

The major reclamation projects carried out since the war include the Maliq, Beden, and Myzeqe canals.

Between 1946 and 1948 the government extended 29,570,103 lek of agricultural credit, and is scheduled to spend 35,451,461 lek in this manner in 1949.

Since the war, 58 agricultural cooperatives have been established in Albania.

In 1945 there were 28 tractors, 10 threshers 16 planters, 10 binders, 20 mowers, no cultivators, and no power reapers in Albania. Machine tractor stations now have the following in service: 288 tractors, 270 threshers, 158 planters, 26 binders, 162 mowers, 100 cultivators, 50 reapers, and 163 stationary motors.

The number of agricultural cooperatives in Albania has increased as follows:

	1946	1947	1948	Oct 49
Cooperatives	7	21	56	58
Membership (families)	217	1,825	2,428	2,343
Area (ha)	942.8	3,671.8	10,870	11,008.6

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In 1948, the estimated distribution of agriculture among the various sectors was as follows:

<u>Sector</u>	<u>No of Families</u>	<u>Ha Under Cultivation</u>	<u>Olive Grove</u>
Private	139,994	269,068	1,480,31
Cooperative	2,428	10,870	6,000
State	--	17,500	235,500
Religious	--	1,062	3,086
Total	142,422	398,500	1,730,000

LIBERALIZES CROP-PURCHASE QUOTAS -- Zer i Popullit, No 279, 19 Nov 49

Order No 7, effective 16 November 1949, includes the following amendments to Order No 7 of 10 March 1949 on the crop purchase of cereals in 1950.

The quotas for the crop purchase of beans are changed to the following: for Class I farms, 0.18 quintals per hectare; Class II, 0.13; Class III, 0.08; Class IV, 0.03.

Private and cooperative producers may substitute other cereals for those in the left-hand column, as follows:

<u>For 100 kg of:</u>	<u>Substitute:</u> (in kg)							
	<u>Wheat</u>	<u>Rye</u>	<u>Barley</u>	<u>Oats</u>	<u>Spelt</u>	<u>Corn</u>	<u>Rice</u>	<u>Beans</u>
Wheat	--	110	130	130	150	120	50	55
Rye	100	--	120	120	140	120	50	55
Barley	100	100	--	100	120	100	46	50
Oats	100	100	100	--	120	100	44	47
Spelt	80	80	100	100	--	90	40	42
Corn	100	100	110	110	140	--	50	55
Rice	200	200	220	230	260	290	--	120
Beans	180	180	200	210	250	190	90	--

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